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TAGS: CASC, PE (GRANGER, THOMAS D.)

SUBJ: PERUVIAN RESIDENT VISA FOR U.S. BUSINESSMAN

REF: STATE 037055

1. GRANGER CONSULTED EMBASSY REGARDING PERUVIAN RESIDENT VISA ON FEBRUARY 9, REPORTING SUBSTANTIALLY SAME STORY GIVEN REGTEL, BUT ASKING THAT HIS NAME NOT BE GIVEN TO PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WHEN MATTER WAS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR AND SUBDIRECTOR OF PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION ON FEBRUARY 11. HE ANTICIPATED AT THAT TIME THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE GRANTED BY FEBRUARY 24.

2. CONSOFF MET WITH DIRECTOR AND SUBDIRECTOR OF PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION ON FEBRUARY 11. THIS WAS BILLED AS COURTESY CALL TO MEET THESE OFFICIALS WHO ARE NEW IN THEIR POSTS. AS OF JANUARY 1, 1977, PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM JURISDICTION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TO THAT OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND ALMOST ALL PERSONNEL REPLACED BY OFFICIALS OF THE CIVILIAN POLICE. DISCUSSION WAS INFORMATIVE, ALTHOUGH HELD TO GENERALITIES REGARDING VISA PROBLEMS OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND MISSIONARIES. ONE INTERESTING POINT WHICH EMERGED WAS THAT PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR TYPE OF VISA CORRESPONDING TO U.S. INTRA-COMPANY

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TRANSFeree. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING "TEMPORARY RESIDENT" VISA FOR PERU MORE CLOSELY CORRESPOND TO U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY WORKER VISA. DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE INDICATED HIS INTENT TO WORK TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW. BOTH HE AND SUBDIRECTOR EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING MADE ANY REMARKS ABOUT SLOWDOWN ON ISSUANCE OF U.S. WORK PERMITS TO PERUVIANS, BUT NOTED THAT THEY INTENDED

TO TREAT ALL FOREIGNERS EQUITABLY IN THIS RESPECT AND WOULD NOT ADVANCE CASES OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN OVER THOSE OF ANY OTHER NATIONALITY. THEY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO ANY CASE IN WHICH CONSOFF COULD GIVE THEM NAME AND FILE NUMBER WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER THERE WAS IN FACT AN UNJUSTIFIED DELAY.

3. FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH GRANGER AFTER FEBRUARY 11 MEETING AND AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 24 INDICATE THAT HIS LAWYER ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR SOME TYPE OF INTERIM VISA WHILE PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION WAS UNDER CONTROL OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THEN LATER BEGAN PROCEDURES FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA.

ON FEBRUARY 24, GRANGER SAID THAT HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHETHER TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA HAD BEEN APPROVED AND AGAIN ASKED THAT CONSOFF DELAY GIVING HIS NAME AND FILE NUMBER (WHICH CONSOFF DOES NOT HAVE) TO PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT GRANGER HAS FALLEN INTO BUREAUCRATIC MUDDLE, COMPLICATED BY CHANGE IN JURISDICTION OVER PERUVIAN. WHEN GRANGER AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO APPROACH PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES REGARDING HIS SPECIFIC CASE, THIS WILL BE DONE. CONVERSATION WITH OTHER U.S. BUSINESSMEN REGARDING LENGTH OF TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN BEGINNING OF PROCEDURES FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA AND ISSUANCE OF VISA INDICATED THAT LAPSE OF 2-3 MONTHS IS NOT UNUSUAL.
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